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Scientific and Technical Subcommittee
of the Intelligence Coordinating Committee [REDACTED] 25X1A

Origin

1. The origin and history of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee,
25X1A [REDACTED] closely parallel the development of the Scientific Division, [REDACTED] 25X1A
(CIA) and other scientific and technical collection units. All arose out
of growing awareness of the need for increased scientific intelligence
effort abroad. The S&T Subcommittee was convened because of the mutual
recognition by the senior scientific and technical intelligence officials
in the field agencies of the need for better exchange of information on
activities relating to collection. The group which later became the S&T
Subcommittee of the Intelligence Coordinating Committee [REDACTED] first 25X1A
met informally in September 1950 with the Chief, Scientific Division (CIA)
presiding.

2. The S&T Subcommittee continued to meet informally until February
1953. At that time the Subcommittee petitioned the Intelligence Coordi-
25X1A nating Committee [REDACTED] for formal status which was granted. At the
present time, the S&T Subcommittee continues to function under the parent
committee.

Organization

3. The informal group which preceded the S&T Subcommittee, [REDACTED] 25X1A
was composed of representatives from the following organizations:

S&T Section, Intelligence Division, USAREUR (Army)

S&T Section, COMNAVGER (Navy)

ATLO, A-2, USAFE (Air Force)

25X1A Scientific Division, [REDACTED] - Chairman and Secretary

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4. Membership of the S&T Subcommittee under the ICC(G) has continued essentially as outlined above. Ad hoc members have been invited from time to time and the Chief, Returnee Exploitation Group regularly attends. The former monthly meeting schedule has been replaced by a system of meeting at intervals of 3 - 4 months or as items for consideration warrant.

Mission and Functions

5. The informal group which preceded the S&T Subcommittee had a broad charter which was developed by mutual agreement. In the short time available for the preparation of this briefing, it has not been possible to obtain all the early records of this activity and its mission and functions will be discussed therefore in general terms only. The essential activities of the group were to facilitate the exchange of information on requirements and guidance to collectors available at the various field headquarters, to provide a forum for the discussion of operations which might be of concern to more than one agency, to make available to the participating agencies finished intelligence which might be of value to senior as well as to working-level officials, and to minimize unnecessary duplication of effort in the conduct of operations by prior agreement on the assignment each agency intended to undertake.

6. Under the ICC(G) these mission and functions were continued and the responsibility for coordinating clandestine target lists in the S&T field, in support of the Standing Committee of the ICC(G), was added.

Activities

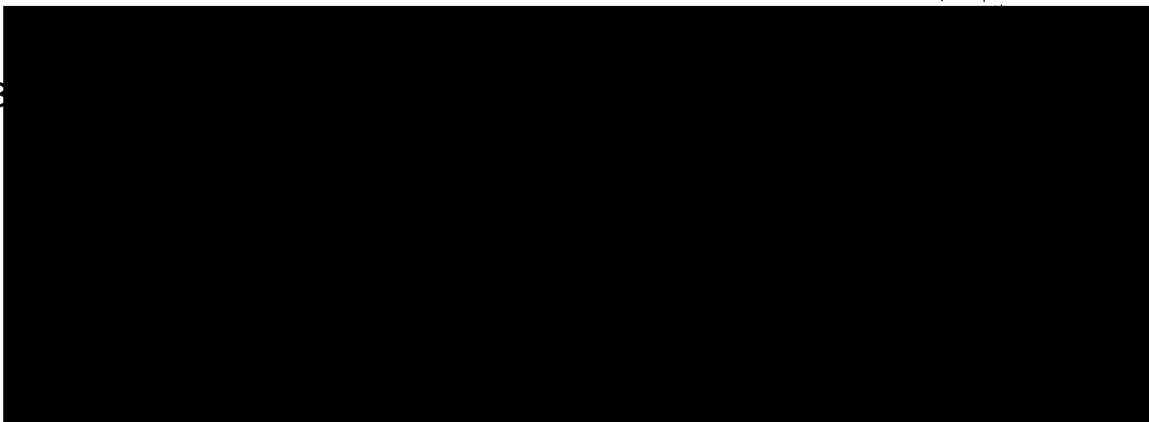
7. To implement the mission stated above, the S&T Subcommittee has sponsored several interagency projects of mutual benefit and concern. The first is the periodic compilation of a list of the reports in scientific and technical fields filed by the various field agencies. According to comments made to the S&T Subcommittee, these reports have been of value to the headquarters agencies. Under the auspices of the Subcommittee, the Scientific Division (CIA) established a central reference file of overt sources of information to which all agencies contributed material and had ready access. The purpose of this file was to facilitate exploitation of sources by working through established contacts wherever possible and to minimize unnecessary contacts with the same source. Eventually, the file contained over one thousand names of overt contact sources. Whether this file is still maintained in current status is not known at this moment. The Subcommittee conducts a series of briefings at its meetings in which a specialist presents the latest information in his field. Guided missiles intelligence has been covered in these briefings. The Subcommittee maintains a current roster of S&T intelligence specialists available to the field agencies in foreign posts. This roster is used as a basis for soliciting assistance from others on matters involving competence not available within a given agency.

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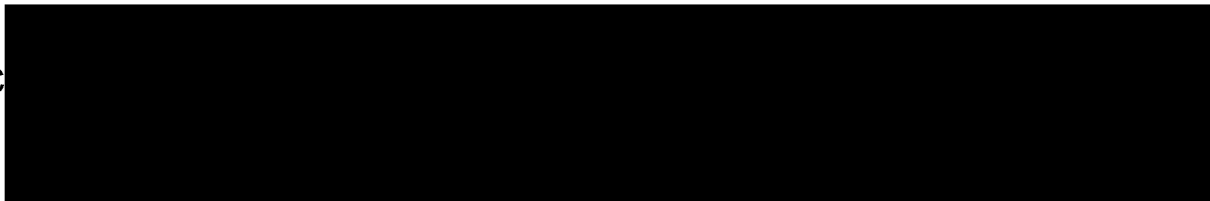
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9. In considering certain of the Subcommittee's activities, it is important to understand that two other ICC(G) Subcommittees have jurisdiction over programs which more or less directly concern scientific and technical intelligence. The first of these is the Joint Coordination Panel of the ICC(G) which coordinates matters relating to the exploitation of POW's as a unique category of sources. The second is the DRAGON Committee, an informal committee operated by the Chief, REG, under the general aegis of the Interagency Defector Committee (Germany). This group coordinates matters concerning the exploitation of returned German scientists. In S&T Subcommittee actions in guided missiles, therefore, it is normal practice to confine consideration to matters which involve more than one of the type sources and therefore cut across committee lines.

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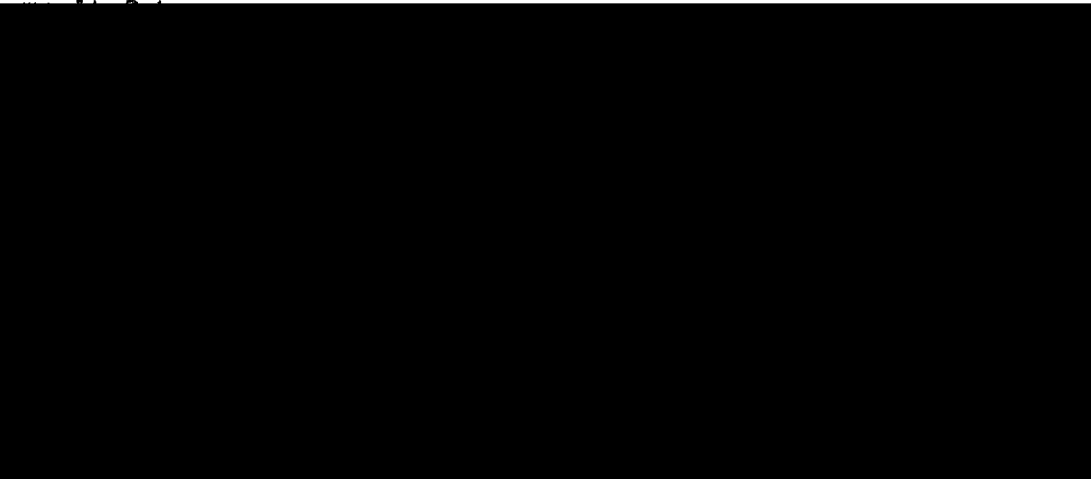


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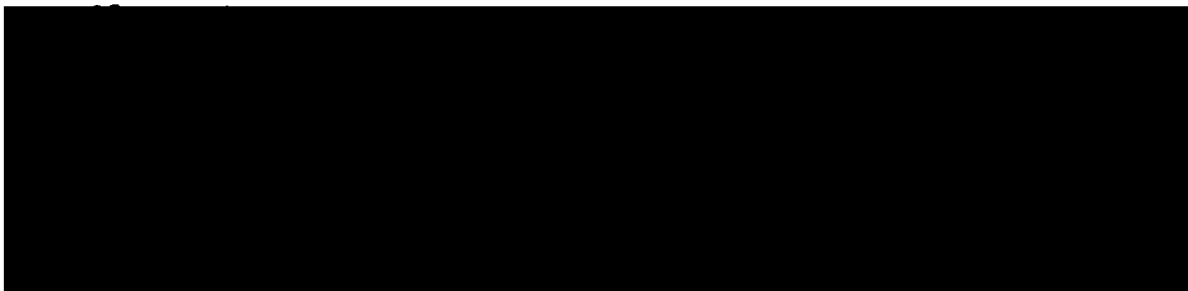
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11. In an attempt to improve the operational planning with respect to the Buschbeck Group (Postfach 908) and to ensure their optimum exploitation, the Subcommittee has submitted a proposal to the ICC(G). A copy of this proposal will likewise be made available to you through the Chairman of your committee. Favorable action by the ICC(G) is anticipated in the near future.

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participation by representatives of all Department of Defense elements in the field. Leadership in this project was assumed by the Chairman of the S&T Subcommittee with the concurrence of Chairman, Joint Coordination Panel because of the involvement of the former's liaison

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13. The S&T Subcommittee also serves as a forum where key specialists periodically visiting from the U.S., for example in the field of guided missiles, can brief collectively interested specialists and their supervisors. Specific substantive matters are seldom raised in the committee but are normally handled on a direct liaison basis between guided missiles specialists of the various IAC elements in the field. These specialists see each other frequently on the working level and one might say that an ideal amount of team work exists. For example, they automatically confer at the working level on their respective coverage of open scientific meetings, pursuit of sources on the Argentine guided missiles program,

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14. The contribution which the S&T Subcommittee can make in the future to guided missiles intelligence depends to a large extent on events in West German acquisition of sovereignty. The Subcommittee is largely confined to matters involving overt or semi-covert activities and these may be considerably affected by West German sovereignty. So long as opportunity remains for contributing within its capabilities the Subcommittee will of course provide whatever assistance it can.

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